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Title: VARIATION DETECTING APPARATUS, VARIATION  
DETECTING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM AND  
SYSTEM FOR STORING PROGRAM INVOLVED IN THE  
METHOD

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are provided in response to the  
Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, for which the response due date, with a  
one-month extension of time, is April 14, 2005.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.